on officially sponsored visits were forwarded to concerned departments for such action as deemed appropriate. Since the Press Council's guidelines are only advisory in nature and not binding on the Government, the question of violation does not arise.

Such visits are conducted to help better projection of the governmental policies and programmes. These are not intended to be a measure of patronage to the Press. On the contrary, the Government is interested in ensuring that developmental activities in various fields are witnessed by as many news media representatives as possible in order to get wider coverage. These conducted tours are, therefore, organised to help project the achievements of the Government and cannot be regarded as a manupulation of news. The manner of selection of journalists, rests with the Government as in the case of any sponsorship and non-inclusion of certain journalists cannot be regarded as a restrictive measure on the Press. Notwithstanding this, in any case, the selection of journalists is made on a nondiscriminatory basis and efforts are made to cover as wide a representation of the media as possible.

(d) and (e) Newspapers sometimes nominate their journalists for these visits who are not accredited.

Visit of Journalists to China before the visit of P.M.

1759. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minsiter of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had sent two teams of Delhi based Journalists to China one before the visit of Prime Minister and the other a large contingent of over 60 Journalists along with die Prime Minister;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government had advised the Prime minister's Secretariat to honour the guide-lines made by the Press Council of India in.the selection of the Journalists accompanying the Prime Minister and other tours/visits organised by the various Ministries and Departments ; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b) Lists of Journalists who went to China before the visit of the Prime Minister and those who went alongwith the Prime Minister are given in the enclosed statements I and II *(See* below).

(c) and (d) The Press Council's guidelines for selection of Journalists for officially sponsored visits were forwarded to the Prime Minister's Office, though PM's visits do not fall under the category of sponsored visits. Moreover, these guidelines are only of an advisory nature and not mandatory.

Statement • I

List of Journalists who went to China prior to J'rime Minister's Visit

	Shri L.K.	**Sharma**	**Times of lndia**
2	**Shri U.K.**	**Katyal**	**Hindu**
I	**Shri V.K. Kutty**	**Madhavan**	**Mathmbhumi**
4	**Shri Mathur**	**Rajendra**	**Nav Bharat Times**
5	**Shri S.**	**Vis warn**	**Tribune**
6	**Shri Ml**	**Akbar**	**Telegraph**

Statement - II

List of Journalists who accompanied Prime Minister to China

S.No.	Name of Correspondents	Names of newspapers
	S/Shri	
1.	Harihar Swarup	P.T.I
2.	Virendra Mohan	U.N.I
3.	M.K. Dhar	Hindustan Times
4.	Subhash Chakravarty	Times of India
5.	R.K. Mishra	Patriot
6.	K.V. Rama Sharma	National Herald
7.	T.N. Ninan	Economic Times
8.	V.N. Narayanan	Tribune
9.	N. Ram	Hindu
10.	Hari Kumar	Deccan Herald
11.	G.S. Chawla	Pioneer
12.	Dinesh Sharma	Amrita Bazar Patrika
13.	M.J. Akbar	Telegraph
14.	Venkatarama Reddy	Deccan Chronicle
15.	Binod Mishra	Hindustan
16.	Praful Maheshwari	Navbharat
17	Anil Narendra	Veer Arjun
18	Abhay Chajlani	Nai Duniya
19	Gopesh Pandey	Aaj
20	Anil Agarwal	Amar Ujala
21.	Madan Mohan Gupta	Jagran
22.	Vijay Kumar Chopra	Hind Samachar
23.	Moin Farooqi	Angarey
24.	Mohan Chiragi	Quami Awaz
25.	Shahid Siddiqui	Nai Duniya
26.	Yashpal	Daily Milap
27.	R. Krishnamoorthy	Dinamalar
28.	Smt. Gowri Chatterji	Ananda Bazar Patrika
29.	T.R. Ramaswamy	Makkal Kural
30.	I. Venkata Rao	Andhra Jyoti
31.	K. Obeidullah	Malayala Manorama
32.	V.K. Madhavan Kutty	Mathrubhumi
33.	Venkatnarayan	Samyukta Karnataka
34.	Yashwant N. Shah	Jai Hind
35.	R.K. Karanjia	Blitz
36.	Dilip Bobb	India Today
37.	Udayan Sharma	Ravivar
38.	Harbhajan Singh	Indian Observer
39.	Ranjan Gupta	Freelance Columnist
40.	Munish Gupta	Asian News International
41.	S.D. Gokhle	Kesari
42.	Saeed Naqvi	World Report
43.	Inderjit	INFA
44.	D.B. Chaudhary	Dainik Navjyoti, Ajmer
45.	Father Alexander Paikade	Deepika Daily

Production and Sale of Food Processing Industries

1760. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of food processing industries till January 31, 1989;

(b) the total quantum of products of food processing industries sold in the country alonghwith its value during the same period; and

(c) the total quantum of products of food processing industries till January 31, 1989 along with the names of such countries; and foreign exchange earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Food processing industries are in the organised, unorganised and cooperative sectors. The information sought is not centrally maintained.

Production of Cola Soft Drink

1761. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are several Cola Soft Drink manufacturers in the country entailing use of caffeine, phosphoric acid, artificial sweetness and artificial colours and if so; details thereof indicating total annual gross production Company-wise;

(b) what is the gross annual consumption of various ingredients in Soft Cola Drinks Company-wise;

(c) v»-_fher any more applications are pending clearance and if so, the details thereof;